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**SECRETARY, BOARD OF
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Attn: James T. Jensen,
Board Chairman

**Re: Request for Agency Action
Docket No. 2012-013
Cause No. 139-90**

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Ute Energy Upstream Holdings LLC ("Ute Energy") owns significant oil and gas leasehold interests within and adjacent to the "Subject Area" that is defined in the above captioned Request for Agency Action as proposed by Newfield Production Company. Ute Energy strongly supports Newfield's Request for Agency Action as set forth in Docket No. 2012-013, Cause No. 139-90 and we encourage the Board to approve Newfield's application its entirety.

We appreciate the opportunity to comment on this matter. Please notify my office if you have any questions or require further information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Todd Kalstrom", written over a large, stylized blue flourish or checkmark.

Todd Kalstrom
Vice President of Land and Business Development

Cc Newfield Production Company/ Laura Smith
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